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Elections, nominations and confirmations

Election of eight members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.[1] The candidate is: Njuma **Ekundanayo**.

2. Biographical information on Ms. Ekundanayo is set out in the annex.

[1] For information on other candidates nominated by Governments, see E/2001/L.2/Add.14-18.

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Annex

Njuma Ekundanayo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Level

Research attaché

Duties

Instruction, Pedagogical Institute/Kananga (1978-1980)

Researcher, scientific research (1980-2000)

Diploma and certificates obtained

Examination: Passed "Examen de synthese à la scolarite de doctorat" (Qualifying examination for doctorate), Montreal, 1976-1977

M.A., Sociology, Ottawa, 1975

B.A., specializing in sociology, Ottawa, 1974

B.A., concentration in psychology, Ottawa, 1974

College studies diploma/social assistant, Quebec, 1976

CERDAS certificate, Kinshasa, 1983

Certificate of the Executive Secretariat/status of women/family, 1987, Distinction in research area, Kinshasa, 1988

Research area

Social psychology, studies of small groups (pygmies)

Articles published

Contribution-testimony in relation to development, a case study: Kananga-Bukavu (Agrarian aspects, training and culture) in Symposium Proceedings CERUKI, 1979.

The forever forgotten: Minorities silent minority: women, active minority: foreigners; marginalized minority: the "pygmies", in "What cultural policy for the Third Republic in Zaire", Kinshasa, 1993.

Analysis of the situation of the "pygmy" women and children of Zaire, Kinshasa, 1993 (unpublished).

Seminars: participation

Development project in Zaire, Kananga, February 1979.

Social action in Zaire, organized activity, presentation, N'seée, February 1981.

CERDAS-UNESCO training, Kinshasa, November 1983.

Problem of desirable births in Zaire, Kinshasa, 1985.

International meeting of Central African sociologists and anthropologists, presentation, Kinshasa, January 1988.

Lexicography and teaching grammars in national languages, Kinshasa, March 1988.

Seminar-workshop: HRP, Yaoundé, December 1994.

Seminar-workshop: Socio-educational integration of pygmies, Bangui, June 1995.

Seminar-workshop: Preparation of research protocols to strengthen the capacity of the Reproductive Health Research Unit, May 1998.

Awareness workshop for health promoters and social supervisors, May 1998.

Round table on the preparation of the plan of action on the early psycho-social development of children, May 1998.

Seminar-workshop: Policy and master plan for the development of traditional medicine, February 1999.

Seminar-workshop: Preparation of the national plan for the elimination of genital mutilation.

Seminar-workshop: Various practices harmful to the health of women, June 1996.

Seminar-workshop: Preparation of health standards in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, June 1999.

Conferences and symposiums

Research workers' conference, Kinshasa, 1999.

National sovereign conference at which we tried to support the rights of silent minorities/women, Kinshasa, 1991-1992.

Conference on the Bantu and the "pygmies", Libreville, November 1995.

Expert meeting on the promotion and development of industrial utilization of medicinal plants in Africa, Brazzaville, November 1995.

Symposium on the general debate on education, Kinshasa, January 1996.

International consultation on the health of indigenous peoples, Geneva, November 1999.

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa, August-September 2001.

Preparatory meeting for the IX International Meeting on Women and Health/World Women's Network, Reproductive Rights, Yaoundé, October 2001.

Field research

Period spent among the RHWA pygmies of Kivu, studies of the integration of "pygmy" minorities, 1980-1981.

Second period spent among the "pygmies" of Kivu. Inventory of needs for and with the "pygmies", 1986.

Study travel: Location of the Bas-Congo, Congo and Central Africa pygmy population during which we discovered the division of labour which assigns to women the preparation of the home and the art of healing members of the community.